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SUBJ: NEWS CONF BY CODELS IN TEL AVIV

1. NEW YORK REPS BENJAMIN ROSENTHAL, BELLA ABZUG, EDWARD
KOCH AND CHARLES WILSON (D-TEX) HELD HOUR-LONG NEWS CONF
IN TEL AVIV WEDNESDAY. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

2. ROSENTHAL, HE ADMIRES DR. KISSINGER'S ABILITY, BUT
HE BELIEVES ISRAEL SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE SECRETARY TO PUSH GOI IN
TO SPEEDY NEGOTIATIONS. HE STRESSED THAT DURABLE SETTLEMENT CAN
COME ONLY THROUGH PRE-EXISTING COMMITMENT TO PEACE BY PARTIES
INVOLVED; IMPOSITION WILL NOT WORK. ENERGY SHORTAGE
WILL NOT DILUTE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL AND
PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

3. WILSON: CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR USG MILITARY SUPPLY TO ISRAEL
IS "ABSOLUTE;" SENATOR FULBRIGHT DOES NOT SPEAK FOR CONGRESS.
WILSON SAID HE HAS NO JEWISH VOTES IN HIS TEXAS
CONSTITUENCY, BUT HE STILL SUPPORTS ISRAEL AS "AN EXTENSION OF
WESTERN WORLD" IN REGION OF SOVIET-SUPPORTED CLIENTS.

4. ABZUG: U.S. SHOULD PRESS HARDER FOR RETURN OF SYRIAN POWS.
U.S. WILL NOT BOW TO OIL BLACKMAIL: INDEED THREATS CAN BE
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COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN VIEW OF U.S. CONTROL OF "OTHER COMMODITIES"

AND POSSIBILITY OF JOINT REACTION BY U.S., E.C., AND JAPAN.

5. KOCH: AFTER SEEING SINAI THEATER FOR HIMSELF, HE IS CONVINCED ISRAEL ACHIEVED GREAT VICTORY AND IT SHOULD NOT BE SNATCHED AWAY BY IMPOSED SETTLEMENT. ISRAEL SHOULD NOT ALLOW ANY OUTSIDER, INCLUDING US, TO DETERMINE WHAT GOI REQUIRES FOR ITS SECURITY IN A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

6. ROSENTHAL, WHO ACTED AS CHAIRMAN, EXPRESSED ON BEHALF OF GROUP ITS "ENORMOUS GRATITUDE" TO EMBASSY.
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